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Thanks

.. Sue Mehrtens & Cushla Gavin from Bernina Sewing Centre for donating patchwork material and making a valuable resource for oral language teaching.

.. Those parents who assisted with this week's Senior Winter Sports Tournament.

People of the week

.. Brad for achieving "Player of the Day" for Hikurangi JB2 last weekend.

.. Brooke who has been selected for the Northland centre for Excellence Programme as a promising young soccer player.

.. Andrew & Brad for coming 2nd and 4th overall out of 62 U18 children at the Royal Easter Show Young Handler competition for the Upper North Island. They have worked with their calves since July last year.

.. Congratulations to the following who have been selected for the Grizzlies Rugby team to represent Whangarei at the Taniwha Cup Competition in the 1st week of the school holidays:

Ethan	Ricky & Alex
Mitchell	Hayden
Tait	Scott

.. Drae selected for U10 Northern Wairoa Rugby Rep Team.

Virtues Acknowledgement

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected by their classes as "Shining Examples" of the Orderliness Virtue. We hope your parents feel very proud of your efforts.

Rm 1	Brendan	Rm 1	Jessica
Rm 3	Tahi-Ora	Rm 4	Matthew
Rm 5	Ethan	Rm 6	Sarah
Rm 6	Daniel	Rm 7	Oliver
Rm 7	Zachary	Rm 8	Kayla
Rm 8	Richard	Rm 9	Shannon
Rm 9	Liam	Rm 10	Laura
Rm 11	Mona-Lisa	Rm 12	Michaela
Rm 12	Campbell		

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Our new virtue is ..

.. COMMITMENT

Please find support material attached and remember to ..

- .. discuss with your children
- .. highlight how commitment helps you in your life and work
- .. identify some areas for focus for your child
- .. place in a prominent place at home for future reference
- .. keep us informed of successes

We already have some great examples of the COMMITMENT virtue

- .. Well done Dayna and Brooke and Emma who keep such a steady eye on our school garden. These girls have recently been re-burying potatoes which have mysteriously found their way out of the school garden.
- .. Well done also to Tegan who was found cleaning out her desk without even being asked to do this.

Some dates to pencil if you have not already done so

- .. 15 June - Primary Winter Sports Tournament
- .. 18 June - Portfolios home to parents
- .. 28 and 29 June - Parent Interviews (please note school finishes at 2:30 on these days).

Early notice also

.. that room 9's innovation camp is scheduled for Waiwera 7 -10 September. Mrs Witte will send out a notice shortly. Don't hesitate to contact her at any stage with questions. If finances are stretched please contact me asap so we can come to a suitable arrangement. Thanks.

Parent attendance at camps

Our school is highly fortunate to have parents willing to assist with trips and camps. Without the generous contributions of these parents many such events would not proceed. With camps looming on the horizon I thought it might be timely to mention again the process for selection of parents for the limited spaces available on camps. Although we would love to have as many parents as possible accompany us, this can sometimes significantly increase costs and make budgeting very difficult. Thus the process for selection for funded attendance is as follows ..

First ballot - parents with specific skills essential for the smooth and safe operation of camp.

Second ballot - parents who did not get the opportunity to attend their child's previous camp.

Third ballot - all other parents

Additional parents may be invited to participate but would need to meet their own costs.

We look forward to your continuing support of our Outdoor Education Programmes and thank you again for your involvement in these events.

Working Bee

We are hopeful of a good turnout of parents to the Working Bee this Sunday (30 May). Remember to bring along your favourite garden tools and to connect with Murray Mortimer, or our caretaker Jim Palmer, on arrival. Thanks in anticipation.

Rippa Rugby Tournament

Parents of year 5 and 6 children will have been advised that this tournament will now take place 25 June and 17 September. If you have not received a second consent form please contact the school office. Please return consents asap. Any questions please to Miss Bevin or Mrs Witte. We are very keen to hear from parents able to assist with lunchtime practices.

20 Hour Famine

Congratulations (and a big thanks) to students who took part in this year's Famine, and to those adults who have supported them. If your child did not participate, please ensure their Famine Booklet is returned to school on Monday. If they did participate, please encourage them to begin collection of sponsorship money. We would like all booklets (complete with sponsorship money) returned to school by 11 June. Let us know if we can help.

Agrikids - something to watch for

If you would like to see our school, our Agrikids and Mr and Mrs Donaldson on TV tune in to channel 16 (Sky Channel) 7:30 PM Tuesday 1 June. Worth a look!

International homestays

Thanks to those who have expressed interest in hosting international students. We will get back to you shortly. If interested, and you did not receive a form, please phone the school office.

Senior Rockwall Day - 2 June

Please ensure consents and money for the above event have been returned to school by early next week. Give us a call if you want to discuss payment arrangements.

International Schools Science Competition

A reminder to parents of children participating in this competition that the examination will be sat on Wednesday 9 June. Unlike the Maths and English Competitions, preparation is entirely the responsibility of parents. We hope this is going well - let us know if we can help.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

A reminder test dates are as follows .. English 3 August .. Maths 17 August.
The test preparation period will commence around 8 June.

Request from Room 4

2 or 3 large cushions urgently required, any condition accepted. Please drop off to the office. Thank you.

Request from Room 8

Before you know it Calf Club will soon be upon us. Room 8 needs your help so if you have any of the items listed below could you please please please leave them at the office or take them to Room 8. Thank you.

- Wool, stockings/pantyhose, clean, empty jars with lids (normal jam jar size)

School Lunches

If you would like a day off making lunches your children can order a sausage on Wednesday's for a \$1.00 and hot pies, sausage rolls and a drink for \$3.00 on Friday's, providing you order by Tuesday at the office.

Found

Black Male Adult Rabbit, lop-cross, very tame. Please contact Tracey, SPCA 4389161.

Community Notices

Wanted - Lawn mower nothing flash, so long as it starts. Call Sharleen 4338488.

4 Sale - Jack Russell X Foxy pups - 3 female / 1 male. Ready now \$190.00. Phone Sarah Bryant 4335909 (02102747487)

SPELD - Helping children with their learning, 3 Wednesday nights, 9, 16 & 23 June, Kamo High School. Phone 4300693 or email speldwhang@extra.co.nz

Marsden Bay Holiday Winter Camp - Sun 4 July- Fri 9 July, 10.am, Ages 9-13 yrs. For more info contact Helena on 094447456 or email hlamason@hotmail.com

Final Thoughts

A joke from Reuben Gregory (who just loves jokes).

What 7 letters did the man say when his car ran out of petrol

.. O I C U R M T

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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